

## MEETING NOTES

SUBJECT	<b>Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara meeting notes</b>
WHEN	Monday 10 August 2020, 12.30-3pm
WHERE	GWRC Council Chambers
ATTENDEES	Louise, Zoe, Pat, Pete, Roger, Ros, Jonny, Gabriel (from 1.20pm), Sean (on Zoom), Tui (from 1pm on Zoom), Kara (from 1pm on Zoom)
APOLOGIES	Hikitia, Anya, Sam, Wayne, Naomi, Quentin
PROJECT TEAM	Tim, Phill, Glen, Emily O., Kat, Mark, Penny, Mike, James, Al Cross (from 2.30pm), Angela (Wellington Water), David (HCC), Helen (WCC)

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### Agenda

1. Karakia and welcome
2. Co-chairs' update
3. Committee member recent events and engagements
4. August 29 workshop with Te Kāhui Taiao – place based integration, outcomes
5. Establishing Committee 'working group' – discussion on scope, framework, process and participation
6. Coastal work programme
7. Confirming upcoming schedule, outcome of Small Groups
8. Project team updates
9. Close and karakia

### Actions

- Committee members to send through corrections to the 2019 summary report to Emily by 25 August 2020.
- GW Project Team to continue to press for public reporting on implementation of prior two WIPs
- Emily to recirculate the [list of stakeholders](#) and Committee members connected to each group as a reminder.
- Project Team to look into planning tools that would enable the regional council to develop environmental standards that developers are required to meet.
- Sean to circulate notes on the Mayoral Taskforce.
- Tim to explore opportunities to meet with councils, collectively or separately.
- Ros to circulate the article she wrote on whaitua.
- Mike G to share the list of Te Pae Kaitaiki members and their roles when they are confirmed.
- In preparation for the TKT workshop, Committee members are asked to review [Schedule B and the glossary of the PNRP](#), which lists the most significant waterbodies and huanga for Ngāti Toa and Taranaki Whānui. Also revisit [Morrie's cultural values report](#). Additional preparation to be circulated by Project Team.

- Project Team to organise a Zoom discussion on the latest freshwater reforms with MfE.
- To have on record (these notes) that Kara is now employed by Hutt City Council as Director of Economy and Development which may present a real or perceived conflict of interest, and that this will be managed in line with the regional council's conflict of interest policy.
- Regional Councillors Prue Lamason and Penny Gaylor to be invited to attend a future Committee meeting

## Discussion

Ros opened the meeting with a karakia.

### Co-chairs' update

The Committee and Project Team are preparing for the workshop with Te Kāhui Taiao on 29 August and the coastal expert panel workshop on 10 September. Some small groups are getting towards a write up while others will require further discussion or input from other knowledge areas.

The 20 July Committee meeting notes were approved with the suggested changes.

The 2019 summary report was received as a report from the Project Team, rather than a report endorsed by the Committee. Louise picked up some typos and the request was made for any similar corrections to be sent through to the Project Team.

Questions arose regarding when GWRC will be able to provide an update on WIP implementation for Te Awarua-o-Porirua and Ruamāhanga.

- GWRC is unable to produce a recommendation by recommendation update at this time (as noted by Matt in his update at prior meeting, most of the WIP recommendations are interlinked).
- Acknowledgement that implementing the WIP is the responsibility of the regional and district councils (and others in the community) but it is unclear who is responsible for reporting on implementation.
- There needs to be transparency for the public about how the previous WIPs are being implemented.
- Suggestion that there should be a recommendation in the Te Whanganui-a-Tara WIP for a 6 monthly report on the implementation of each recommendation to ensure it remains a living document.
- As an interim measure, there is a desire for GWRC to have a place on the Waitua website that provides a 3 monthly update on how WIPs are influencing decisions and actions.

### Committee member recent events and engagements

- Louise – In contact with Federated Farmers and Beef & Lamb to seek their engagement on the Waitua process now rather than waiting for them to appeal the NRP. Met with the Ohariu Womens Guild, involved in local riparian planting work.
- Pete – Invited to speak to a group in Stokes Valley that was interested and supportive of the Waitua Committee's work.
- Zoe – Action for the Comms & Engagement subgroup to work on engagement opportunities with developers. In contact with Stu Farrant who has provided some guidance and names to talk to, he is willing to do a Zoom session with the Committee to share examples from international developers.
- Ros – There's a contentious issue around the St. Pat's development where a developer has applied for a resource consent to build on a flood plain next to the Hutt River. The community is upset because it's an area they use for recreational purposes. Flood

management has been treated as an interested party. Also wrote a column on Whaitua which will be circulated.

- Roger – The [Aotearoa Town Hall](#) is on the evening of Monday 10 August and the Honourable Nanaia Mahuta has joined the panel. The hosts, Thomas Nash and Tamatha Paul, will ask questions of each panellist on the 3 waters reforms. Encourage everyone to participate in the Facebook chat to engage with others during the event. The recording will be available on the [Facebook page](#) afterwards. Roger also attended the Mt. Cook Mobilised meeting last month and suggests that the Committee engage with other residents' associations as a useful way to get the Whaitua message out to the community.
- Emily to recirculate the [list of stakeholders](#) and Committee members connected to each group as a reminder.
- Pat – Ready for winter plunge on Saturday 15 August at the Whakatikei confluence of the Hutt River. Planning for a candidates' evening for Hutt South and Rimutaka constituencies on Monday 24 August.
- Gabriel – Engagement about the rubbish and recycling review in the Hutt. Wainuiomata Community Board reflecting on their long term vision and sustainability. Relevant to the Whaitua as waste gets dumped on the side of waterways. Louise suggested Margot Fry as a good contact for community engagement.
- Kara – Meeting to discuss developer contributions and how to influence councils to increase taxes for developers. Noted for the record that Kara is now employed by Hutt City Council as Director of Economy and Development which may present a real or perceived conflict of interest, and that this will be managed in line with the regional council's conflict of interest policy.
  - Suggestion from Roger to discuss how the Whaitua can incentivise developers to do WSUD through the developer contribution process. Project Team to look into the planning tools that would enable the regional council to develop their own environmental standard that developers are required to meet.
  - Discuss how to incentivise better use of land as part of development through a water impact statement and report. Further discussion about the costs and benefits of infill vs. greenfield development to be picked up in a small group meeting.
- Sean – Organised a meeting for WCC and Wellington Water to have a better understanding of how to work together. Preparing an online presentation for a water conference in Taiwan.
  - Mayoral Taskforce – Correspondence with Eugene Doyle about his concerns that the Whaitua is not being represented on the Mayoral Taskforce.
  - The engineering solutions were good at the time they were created but they haven't kept pace with the growing population and changes in standards.
  - Wellington Water is reactive but we want to manage the system in a more proactive way.
  - Need an analysis of the pipes network, apply the roving crew concept in Owhiro Stream to other places. More budget needed to expand this project.
  - The Taskforce is supportive of the central government 3 waters reforms.
  - Recognise that consumption is not controlled and water meters are very costly, keen to pursue greywater recycling and rainwater harvesting.
  - Focus on fixing cross-connections and understanding assets, monitoring infrastructure when it reaches the end of its design-life.
  - Report to be ready by September in order to feed into the LTP.
  - Looking at regulatory and non-regulatory interventions for WSUD.
  - Keen to get community involved and offer transparency so they can be proud of local waterways and catchments, connect with stories and the life within streams.
  - There has been some pushback on the WOF idea due to how difficult it would be to instigate.

- Sean to circulate the notes on the Mayoral Taskforce he spoke to.

### **Project Team update**

- There will be a Project Team meeting on Wednesday 12 August with TAs and members of TKT, which will include discussion about engagement with councils through to the end of the process.
- The Whaitua Committee was going to present at the Regional Growth Framework meeting with all councillors but it conflicted with the Aotearoa Town Hall. Tim is looking into other opportunities to meet with councils, collectively or separately. Question raised about how and when the Whaitua Committee will be able to influence the LTP process.
- Tim presented to the GWRC Environment Committee on Thursday 6 August. There was interest in the bicultural approach and how TWT will inform the Kāpiti whaitua process. Penny Gaylor and Prue Lamason are interested in observing a future Whaitua Committee meeting. The Committee agreed it is comfortable with councillors attending a session.
- Tim meets regularly with ELT to report on progress.

### **August 29 workshop with Te Kāhui Taiao**

- The workshop will provide an opportunity to shift into a place-based way of working using Mangaroa as an example. Aaria and Mark will be working on designing a lens for an integrated discussion with the Mātauranga Māori and science information brought together.
- Summaries will be prepared for each of the spatial areas or draft FMUs, which may be adapted and changed. There might be 6-7 FMUs.
- Te Pae Kaitiaki (TPK) is the expert panel being formed to support the development of an evaluation framework. Mike to share the list of TPK members and their roles.
- Whaitua Committee to consider what constructs are needed in order for councils to implement the WIP. Councils lack the capacity and capability to provide for mana whenua values.
- News from Waikato Regional Council that there has been a [Section 33 transfer to the iwi](#), Ngāti Tūwharetoa.
- TKT workshop is an opportunity to think radically and boldly about how to address issues.
- Consider the treaty house model where the Whaitua Committee and TKT have been working in parallel and will now come back together in a conscious treaty partnership.
- The outcome will be how the two processes weave together until the end.
- In preparation for the TKT workshop, Committee members to review [Schedule B and the glossary of the PNRP](#), which lists the most significant waterbodies and huanga for Ngāti Toa and Taranaki Whānui. Also revisit [Morrie's cultural values report](#).

### **Establishing Committee 'working group'**

- Discussion about the role and mandate of the working group, who will be involved and how often they will meet.
- The role of the working group will be to work on the more detailed policy setting work.
- Membership will be open to the full Committee and members are welcome to attend when they are available. Flexibility is important to enable participation. Meeting invites and agendas will be sent to everyone well in advance.
- Half or full days would be helpful to commit the time and go more in depth than is possible in a 2 hour meeting.
- Project Team to consider whether it will be possible to meet on Zoom or in person.
- Small group work is expected to be complete by mid-late September. They are finished when the group has discussed the range of management and implementation options, and the decision areas are clear but remain open for contributions from TKT and community engagement.

- The ownership sits with the Small Group to review when their work is done, with support from the Project Team.
- Need for Committee to identify areas of disagreement and issues that might take more time in deliberation. This is distinct from identifying priority areas for funding. Noted that difference has been emerging within small group discussions.
- Need to balance being aspirational and grounded in reality with recommendations that consider a cost-benefit analysis.
- Need to consider how to engage with the public on contentious issues. A wastewater survey has been posted on [Have Your Say](#), link to be shared during the Aotearoa Town Hall.

#### **Coastal work programme**

- Pat has organised a 1-hour Zoom session with the Taputeranga Marine Reserve Trust prior to the coastal workshop on Wednesday 26 August.
- Emily has sent an invite for the coastal workshop on Thursday 10 September from 12-4pm.
- The workshop will be an opportunity to discuss the work that the Whaitua Committee would like scientists to do relating to the coastal habitat.
- Discussion about a potential 'blue belt' for work along coast.
- Consider a ki uta ki tai approach and how freshwater outcomes impact the coastal environment.

Request for a Zoom discussion on the latest freshwater reforms with MfE.

Ros closed the meeting with a karakia.